(d) whether it has been alleged that the innocent people are also harassed in the operation; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) 2533 ULFA activists have been apprehended by the Army in Operation Rhino.

(b) 662 weapons have been recovered. It is not possible to assess the value of these weapons.

(c) So 35 ULFA activists have been apprehended by the Army from the nighbouring States;

(d) and (e). Some allegations regarding harassment by the army have been received. These are being investigated. All efforts are being made to ensure that innocent people are not harassed.

[*Translation*]

Out of Turn Allotment of Telephone Connections

505. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1304 on 1-8-1991 and state:

(a) whether Government have received the report of the inquiry held by vigilance branch regarding out of turn allotment of telephone connections;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the concerned persons in this regard?

DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). On the basis of the report of the Vigilance Branch, the matter has been handed over to the C.B.I. for detailed investigation.

[*English*]

Civil Defence Training in Orissa

506. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides Civil Defence Training facilities at (i) National level, (ii) State level; and (iii) a local/town level and also provide training on Disaster Relief Management;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of persons provided such training during the last two years, years-wise and district-wise in Orissa;

(c) whether the Government have taken/propose to take into account the necessities of disanster/natural calamity prone States like Orissa and train more persons in Civil Defence Disaster Relief Management; and

(d) the strength of Civil Defence volunteers district wise in Orissa as on 31.7.91 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The Government provides Civil Defence Training facilities at (i) National level (ii) State level and (iii) at Civil Defence town level. Though the Disaster Relief Management is not within the purview of the Civil Defence Act, 1968, however, elementary training of the subject is being imparted